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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2013-0018]

## Reports, Forms, and Record keeping Requirements

**Agency:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**Action:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**Summary:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**Dates:** Comments must be received on or before [insert date 60 days after publication in the Federal Register].

**Addresses:** You may submit comments [identified by DOT Docket No. NHTSA-**2013-0018**] by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001
- Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Telephone: 1-800-647-5527.

• Fax: 202-493-2251

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this proposed collection of information. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Privacy Act*: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the *Federal Register* published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <a href="http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov">http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov</a>.

*Docket*: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>. or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Complete copies of each request for

collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Shirlene Ball, NHTSA 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., W51-217, NPO 420, Washington, D.C. 20590. Mrs. Ball's telephone number is (202) 366-2245.

Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the Federal Register providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5CFR 1320.8(d), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

- i) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
  - iii) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond,

including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the

following proposed collections of information:

**Title:** Air Bag Deactivation

**OMB Control Number:** 2127-0588

**Affected Public:** Private individuals, fleet owners and lessees, motor vehicle dealers,

repair business.

**Abstract:** If a private individual or lessee wants to install an air bag on-off switch to

turn-off either or both frontal air bags, they must complete Form OMB 2127-0588 to certify

certain statements regarding use of the switch. The dealer or business must, in turn, submit the

completed forms to NHTSA within seven days. The submission of the completed forms by the

dealers and repair business to NHTSA, as required, will serve the agency several purposes. They

will aid the agency in monitoring the number of authorization requests submitted and the pattern

in claims of risk group membership. The completed forms will enable the agency to determine

whether the dealers and repair business are complying with the terms of the exemption, which

include a requirement that the dealers and repair businesses accept only fully completed forms.

Finally, submission of the completed forms to the agency will promote honesty and accuracy in

the filling out of the forms by vehicle owners. The air bag on-off switches are installed only in

vehicles in which the risk of harm needs to be minimized on a case-by-case basis.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 375 hours

**Estimated Number of Respondents: 750** 

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the

proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will

have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed

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information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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